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Dear Doctor Cannon:

Since 1925 when I made the acquaintance of Pende in Italy, I have been watching the development of the so-called constitutional school in medicine. It seems clear that there are certain possibilities in this field which might be of considerable interest in the study, not only of disease and its incidence, but of the behavior of individuals according to certain types in which there may be demonstrable correlation between morphological characteristics and function and conduct.

Consequently it was natural that when Walter Palmer spoke to me about the work of George Draper, I had a talk with Draper, finding out that at that time he had an application out to the Warm Springs Foundation for a grant that would enable him to work particularly on the constitutional picture of persons who had been susceptible to poliomyelitis. It seemed best to wait until a decision was obtained in this matter. As you probably know the application was not successful. Draper and Palmer have raised the question of aid from the Foundation, and it is in the hope of evaluating this work that I write you as I understand from Draper that you have had some interest in it.

We could, I think, consider a grant which would place at least a part of Draper's time free for work on constitutional

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problems together with the possibility of some anthropometric studies on observations which he has already collected but not analyzed. I do not know any medical schools or clinics in the United States where this is being done actively, and it is, of course, clear that Draper is at home at the Presbyterian Hospital where he has worked in the past.

It occurs to me that you might have written the Warm Springs Committee regarding Draper and the potential value of work in this field, and if this be the case possibly a copy of your letter would cover the essential interests which we have here in this connection. If it is not an imposition I should be grateful and much obliged to you for any comment you care to make.

Yours sincerely,

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